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City Council makes final payment for 'The W'

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The Waverly City Council has made the final $600,000 revenue payment to the Wartburg-Waverly Sports and Wellness Center after the facility has been opened for eight years.

Sheila Kittleson

Director of "The W" Sheila Kittleson said the payment was part of the contract signed between the two when the facility opened, hoping to benefit not only the college but also the community.

"We knew the revenue stream from the city was there if we needed to tap into that if we asked them for that money," Kittleson said.

"We did know that eventually they'd run out so we have gifts they have set aside to help set off some of the expenses," she said.

In the agreement, Kittleson said the amount would be a maximum of $600,000 per year for the city to help with the project if the revenue projection was not met.

Kittleson said the projection was made by people who came in and did an assessment of the facility before it was built. She said the city agreed in 2008 when the facility opened to only help with the revenue stream for the first eight years.

Although the city no longer must pay an amount, Kittleson said the two signed a contract that they will work together for another 35 years to keep the facility a place for the community and the college.

Once the 35 years are up, Kittleson said there is a renewal clause the city can agree to.

Kittleson said the city and college decided to work together on the building after the city tried to build their own fitness facility and the vote from the community was defeated three times.

She said at around the same time the college was looking at updating their facility. After the city didn't get approval for a facility she said the city saw it as an opportunity to partner with Wartburg.

After the old facility at Wartburg was torn down the two came to an agreement on how to work together on the facility, Kittleson said.

Two key focuses of the project were open membership for the community and housing Wartburg athletics, Kittleson said.

She said they built the facility with 70,000 extra square feet to accommodate city memberships.

Throughout the four years Kittleson has worked as director she said only a few changes have been made at the facility.

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The thin blue line is a symbol used by law enforcement to commemorate fallen officers and to symbolize the relationship of police in their communities. Officers are always in danger, Bremer County Sheriff Dan Pickett said. — **Brett Schwickerath**/*TRUMPET*

Local sheriff mourns brothers in blue

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Every police officer is a target, Bremer County Sheriff Dan Picket said, following the shooting deaths of two Des Moines area officers.

"The unfortunate events that occurred Wednesday in Des Moines really hit home for us in Bremer County because Des Moines isn't very far away and there was no justification for such an act," Pickett said.

Last Wednesday, Nov. 2, Des Moines police Sgt. Anthony Beminio, 38, and Urbandale police officer Justin Martin, 24, were shot to death inside their patrol cars.

The officers were slain during two separate ambush attacks, although both were reportedly killed by the same man.

Scott Greene of Urbandale, 46, has been charged with two counts of first-degree murder.

According to the Officer Down Memorial Page, the last murder of an Iowa police officer was in 2013 when Rockwell City officer Jamie Buenting was shot during a standoff with a civilian.

"When you wear the badge it isn't about you anymore, it's about protecting other people."

— Sheriff Dan Pickett

According to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, last week's murders brought the count of U.S. police officers shot dead in the line of duty in 2016 to 52, well ahead the reported 34 deaths in 2015.

Despite the numbers, Dr. Brian McQueen, assistant professor of sociology at Wartburg College, said the occurrence of these attacks doesn't change the overall nature of policing at all.

"The fact that this happened and that it was such a horrible, horrible thing, doesn't mean policing is any more dangerous than the day before it happened," McQueen said.

"Yes, policing has probably become slightly more dangerous over the past 30 years, but I think that has more to do with changes in how we engage in policing rather than changes in the dangers that exist in the environment."

McQueen said there is a Wartburg criminal justice student who is getting ready to do an internship winter semester with the Urbandale Police Department, the same department from where one of the officers was shot.

McQueen said the student's mother had some concerns about her son's safety during his internship.

McQueen responded to the concerns by saying, in terms of the overall profession, Wednesday's events were no different than the even more frequent times people go into schools with a loaded weapon and start shooting students and teachers.

"And in that case, we wouldn't caution people against going into teaching just because these things happen occasionally," McQueen said.

McQueen said because things like this happen, good people with creative problem solving skills are needed in the field instead of running away.

"That's really the only way we can take this," he said.

Pickett agreed with McQueen and said those who will make good officers in the future start out realizing they cannot protect themselves from every situation.

"They choose a career that puts

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Technical malfunction causes fire in The Den

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A fire broke out in the kitchen of The Den at 10:15 a.m. on Nov. 3.

Margaret Empie

Margaret Empie, Assistant Vice President for Dining and Retail Services, said the fire was caused by a technical malfunction in the char broiler.

Den employees and Wartburg security officer Judy Rinnels extinguished the fire quickly minimizing damage to the equipment.

There were no injuries from the incident, but the char broiler, grill and fryer were out of commission until new equipment arrived.

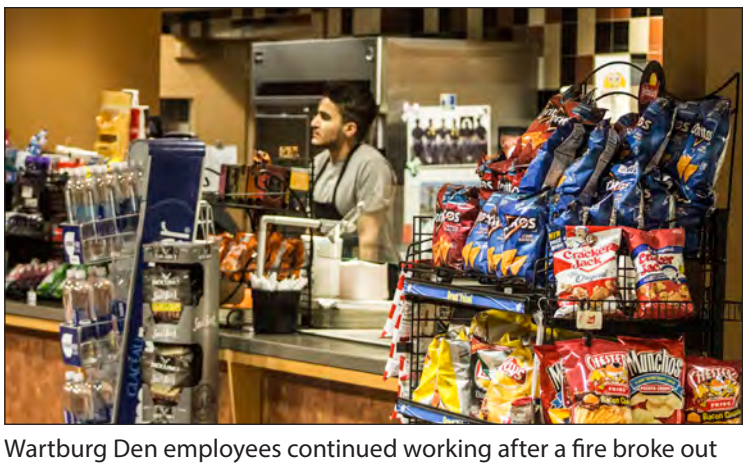
"The kitchen area gets cleaned every week, but sometimes these things happen. I'm grateful they were able to get it contained," Empie said.

Certain items were still available including salads, soups and calzones, but the Den's menu was very limited until replacement parts arrived.

Students received an email from The Juice on Saturday morning announcing operations were back to normal in the Den.

Director of Campus Security & Safety John Myers said the incident seemed pretty quick and easily managed by his security officer and the Den staff.

"I wasn't here for the incident, but I got a call explaining what was going on and it sounded like she [Judy Rinnels] just walked down, used the extinguisher and walked back," Myers said.



Wartburg Den employees continued working after a fire broke out in the kitchen on Thursday morning. — **Kaz Onoo**/*TRUMPET*

While accidents like these aren't often seen by Wartburg employees, Empie said she can recall a few fires in the past couple years with similar mechanical issues.

Wartburg athlete to continue baseball career

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Taylor Gilson has been playing baseball his entire life.

His baseball career started earlier than most, filling in on his older sister's t-ball team when there weren't enough players, two years before he was eligible to play t-ball on a team of his own.

Now Gilson's a senior in college, preparing to head to Canada after graduation to play for the Regina Red Sox for the summer.

Gilson, who described the chance to play in Canada as a "once in a lifetime opportunity" is looking forward to the possibilities that the summer holds.

"I think this experience will be really beneficial for me, Gilson said. I figure going up to Canada will provide good exposure to see whether I can play at the next level or not," Gilson said.

Playing in Canada will just add to the list of accomplishments Gilson has had throughout his baseball career.

Among those accomplishments are two favorite baseball memories, which include winning the conference championship his junior year of high school and making it to regionals in both his junior and senior year at Wartburg.

"Winning the conference championship in high school is especially memorable because we don't win a ton of conference championships from my hometown of Oelwein, and that was one of the most recent ones that they had had in awhile," Gilson said.

While the successes that Gilson has had playing baseball are regarded as some of his favorite memories, Gilson's favorite thing about playing baseball is the escape from reality it offers.

"When I'm playing or pitching I'm not thinking about anything else other than pitching, and I haven't really experienced anything like that where I can just seclude myself and focus on one thing that I really enjoy, Gilson said. It kind of takes me away from everything else and I'm able to do what I love and have fun."

Another attribute that has made Gilson's athletic career at Wartburg a positive one, is the sense of team he feels between himself and his fellow members of the Wartburg baseball team.

"What I've enjoyed most about playing baseball at Wartburg is the atmosphere with all my teammates. Coming into it they really sold me into going to Wartburg, as far as they really told me that usually all the teams are like a family and stuff," Gilson said.

Head Baseball Coach Joel Holst said Gilson has been an important addition to the varsity squad the past few years.

"He has been our number one or number two pitcher for the past two years as well as team captain this year. He's one of those kids that just works hard. Those types of guys, especially ones as talented as he is, don't come around very often," Holst said.

Taylor Gilson will continue his baseball career with the Regina Red Sox in Canada this summer to hopefully get more exposure and further his goals. — **Marketing & Communication**

Gilson said once he chose Wartburg, every teammate he had became like a family member.

"That made it really easy to be around them and compete with them. We are all striving for one goal and it's fun to be around them," Gilson said.

Outside of playing for Wartburg, Gilson has also played a bit for the Waterloo Bucks, which is where he found out about the Red Sox.

"I joined the Bucks late last summer, and I didn't really get to pitch too much with them but the manager for the Bucks kind of talked to me after our last game and just said that he thought it would be beneficial for me to go up and play in this Canadian league that they have up there," Gilson said.

Holst said the summer in Canada gives seniors who do not get signed the opportunity to be part of the team.

"It's kind of an exposure thing more than anything. There will be a lot of scouts which will obviously be great for Taylor since his goal is that he wants to continue playing and pitching after college," Holst said.

Gilson said the opportunity was unique because most other summer leagues require their participants to be in college.

"I didn't really think too hard about the offer at first. I didn't know if I would like going up to Canada and not being here over the summer but then I realized that it's kind of a once in a lifetime chance," Gilson said

The Red Sox end their season in August, so Gilson, a fitness management major with business and leadership minors is currently exploring his post-summer options.

"I'm thinking about going to grad school or trying to find an internship somewhere," Gilson said.

"Obviously if baseball allows me to keep playing past the summer with Canada I would for sure want to do that, whatever type of level it's at."

An easy way to keep 'The W' clean

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"The W" at Wartburg College has been around since 2008 and is important to keep clean.

That's why Sheila Kittleson, director of "The W," has asked members to bring in a second pair of shoes to wear when using the facilities.

"The majority of the people who are using 'The W' are usually coming from outside," Kittleson said.

"The ellipticals and the running track as well as other equipment are hard to clean off and are important to stay clean."

With the 2,900 members, plus students who use the facilities, keeping "The W" clean is no easy task.

"I think it's important to keep it clean and it ruins the treadmills a lot quicker if people are always wearing dirty shoes," Bader said.

You can see on the treadmills the dirt that may be left over from someone who didn't change their shoes, Kittleson said. She has split views on whether or not people are obeying what they are asking.

"I'd say we have some that are very, very good about it and some that don't care," Kittleson said.

Young kids that come into "The W" don't usually change their shoes, Kittleson said, but adults are often carrying in their extra shoes and changing them before getting on the equipment.

On a Twitter poll asking about whether or not people bring an extra pair of shoes, 82 people voted. Fifty-nine percent of people said that they do change their shoes, 34 percent said they do not and 7 percent said sometimes they do.

Keeping "The W" clean to look nice isn't all that Kittleson is worried about. She said that dragging outdoor elements inside the facility could be a safety hazard as well.

As the winter season nears, bringing in extra shoes is even more crucial, Kittleson said. Adding the snow that melts into water can make for a slippery surface, especially on the track.

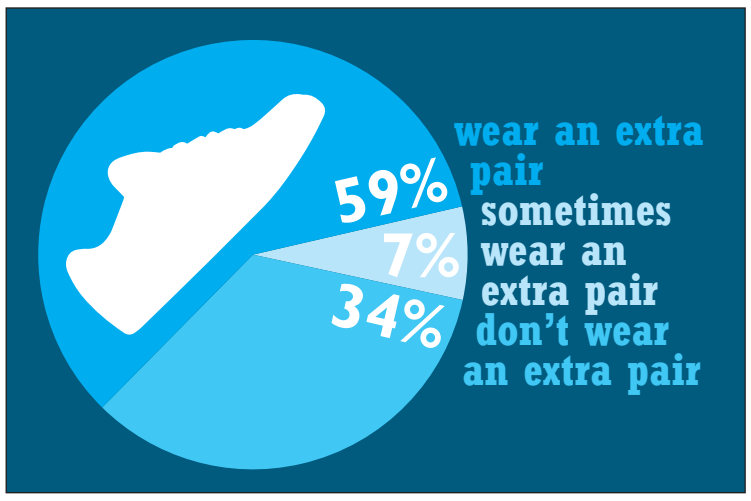
Brandon Hornback, a student who often uses the fitness center, said he almost always brings an extra pair of shoes.

"It's just annoying when people track snow into the weight room. It makes it harder for those who have to clean up as well," Hornback said.

The fitness area and track aren't all that can be made dirty. Another area seems to be inside the locker rooms.

"It's hard to keep those clean because you want them clean for the next member or guest to come in and be able to open a locker and have it clean, and shoes make a big difference in the winter time especially," Kittleson said.

A sign has been put up in "The W" in front of the fitness area to remind users to bring an extra pair of shoes to keep the area clean and comfortable.women in blue who are willing to take on this challenge everyday.



A Twitter poll showed 59 percent of "The W" members wear an extra pair of shoes to work out. — **Brett Schwickerath**/*TRUMPET*

Sustainability employees table to promote other important existing events and programs. — **Meg Harper**/*TRUMPET*

Wartburg Sustainability honored

Wartburg College has been recognized as a sustainability leader in the 2016 Sustainable Campus Index, receiving high rankings in the area of water for the second time in as many years.

The 2016 Sustainable Campus Index highlights top-performing colleges and universities in 17 areas, as measured by the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS).

Recognition in the water category is based on campus advancements in water use and rainwater management. Wartburg tied for fifth nationally in this category, which honors efforts to conserve water and protect water quality.

"Wartburg is proud to be a leader in water conservation. We want to do our part to ensure clean water for our future generations," Anne Duncan, Wartburg's environmental sustainability coordinator said.

"We also are advancing these efforts by choosing plants for our campus that will be drought-tolerant when needed."

The college uses minimal irrigation and only waters flowering beds during times of low rainfall.

The installation of water conservation devices has led to a 30 percent reduction in consumption in recent years.

Rainwater management efforts, including rooftop retention, landscaping to remove silt and pollution from surface runoff water, also were applauded.

"Wartburg College's strong performance in the area of water demonstrates significant leadership and commitment to advancing sustainability," Meghan Fay Zahniser, executive director of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, said.

"We are pleased to recognize Wartburg for working to secure a thriving, equitable and ecologically healthy world by incorporating sustainability into campus."

Wartburg previously received a Gold rating in 2015 from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education.

Art exhibit features past and present Wartburg faculty

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A Wartburg Art Department faculty art exhibition in the Waldemar A. Schmidt Art Gallery is on display for the first time in around 10 years.

Barbara Fedeler, professor of art and an artist featured in the exhibition, has two different selections of charcoal drawings on display.

One of the drawing series focuses on landscapes inspired by northeast Iowa, where Fedeler grew up.

The other series is "an exploration of everyday vintage items." Fedeler said her favorite piece is her drawing of an Electrolux vacuum cleaner.

"I have always had a fascination for Electrolux vacuum cleaners. I have a collection of them. And so now I've immortalized one of my collection as an actual artwork on a wall," Fedeler said.

Fedeler has been drawing landscapes for over 20 years.

She said doing drawings focused on vintage items gives her a nice break from her usual work.

Besides Fedeler, the gallery features the work of seven other past and present Wartburg art department faculty: Jennifer-Lynn Bates, Christiana Byrne, Brittany Deal, David Herwaldt, Rick Knivsland, Johanna Kramer-Weston and Thomas Payne.

Faculty artwork ranges from photographs, drawings and mixed-media art to metal work, ceramic 3-D pieces and cyanotypes.

"This exhibition holds the potential for those who know us as working artists…to understand who we are as working professionals beyond the teaching. It will, perhaps, give them insight into us as people," Fedeler said.

Art gallery director Johanna Kramer-Weston also has two mixed-media art pieces in the exhibition.

She said the artwork she submitted are two of her most recent pieces.

"I have been working with encaustic paint for some time. Encaustic paint is wax and pigments.

"I have been experimenting with other materials, working with little vignettes," Kramer-Weston said about the pieces she submitted.

Kramer-Weston said the featured artists could submit artwork of any subject to allow them to showcase their favorite things.

"Art can inspire people," Fedeler said.

She said the experience can help foster growth between the professor and student.

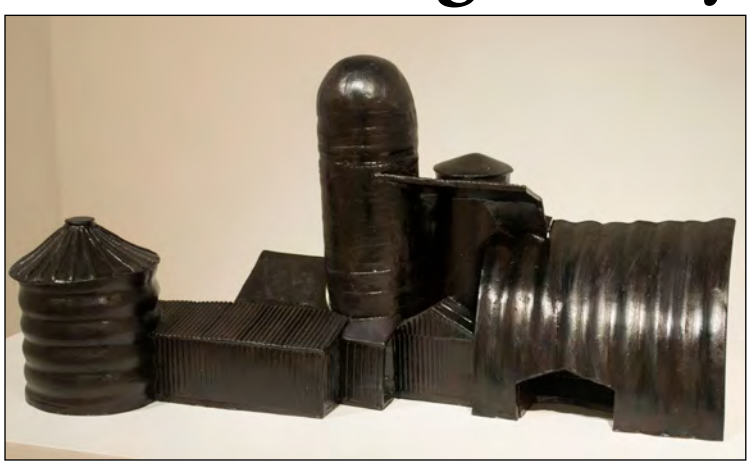
It allows the relationship to feed off one another, Fedeler said, and it can fuel others to look more closely at art.

Art major Julia Ratekin said she is excited to see the exhibition because it provides an opportunity for students to see their professors' skills and the talent of the people that teach them.

"You get to see their style, what they enjoy beyond teaching," Ratekin said.

Kramer-Weston said a big reason for a faculty exhibition this year was because it had been a few years since the last faculty exhibition.

She said the faculty should have the opportunity to have their work displayed like the seniors do every spring.



Rick Knivsland is one of the eight past and present faculty of Wartburg featured in the art exhibit. — **Jordan Thomas**/*TRUMPET*

"They [The students] will have a better understanding of where faculty members are coming from," Kramer-Weston said.

"They don't necessarily realize their faculty are artists themselves or are working on their own craft as well."

Ratekin said the experience she has viewing the RICE Day senior exhibition can be comparable to viewing the faculty exhibition.

She said both exhibitions allow her to see work her peers have done, but both exhibitions give a different perspective of the artwork in the gallery.

"One thing that is nice about the senior exhibition is that it is a very realistic goal…especially this year.

"I think I'll have an appreciation for the [faculty] work that goes up because I do know the people, but I don't relate to the experience in the same way," Ratekin said.

Fedeler said she hopes this exhibition stimulates and surprises people and provides something more for the viewers.

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them in danger because they have the desire to make a difference in the lives of others," Pickett said.

"We cannot protect ourselves from every situation. That's just part of the job. When you where the badge it isn't about you anymore, it's about protecting other people."

Pickett said what is so hard for many people to accept is that every one police officer is a target.

There is no training to prepare officers for what happened to the two officers from Des Moines and Urbandale.

There is very little they could have done to be prepared, Pickett said.

According to several news articles from NBC News and the Des Moines Register, Greene turned himself in for the murders on Thursday.

Police then found what they believe to be the murder weapon hidden off the road near Greene's car.

Greene is reportedly already known to officers in Urbandale after his string of domestic incidents with family members and run-ins with officers over the years.

"What happened Wednesday was the calculated murder of two law enforcement officers. Plain and simple. That's the reality," Des Moines Police Chief Dana Wingert said at a press conference Thursday morning.

Chief Wingert made very clear his anger with people who continually have run-ins with law enforcement.

Unlike any other business, we do not get to pick our clients, Wingert said.

"We are obligated to go out in the streets and co-exist with them and provide that same service and fundamental fairness that we do to everyone else."

Wingert ended the press conference by emphasizing how lucky Central Iowa is to have men and women in blue who are willing to take on this challenge everyday.

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She said some staff has been eliminated and people who have left have not been replaced. Kittleson did not say the exact number of jobs that have been eliminated.

One example Kittleson gave was a wellness director position that the college got rid of several years ago.

She said some of the duties were transferred to her as well as others that they got rid of because they couldn't afford the position. Kittleson said the jobs that no longer exist have added extra work to individuals at "The W."

The W also offers over 50 activities a week to non-members, including swim lessons and teams, youth groups that rent the facility, school groups for wellness trips, intramurals for college students, birthday parties, baptisms, climbing opportunities and fitness classes.

"I don't think the way we work with the community is going to change," Kittleson said.

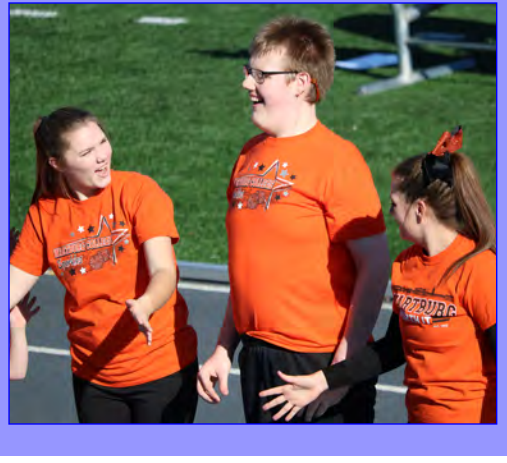
At the time of publication the City Administrator, James Bronner was not available for a comment.

People interested in memberships to "The W" or renting the from the facility can visit http://www.the-w.org/.

Wartburg Sparkles shine on Saturday

The Wartburg Sparkles performed a cheer routine during Wartburg's home football game against Luther on Saturday.—**Meg Harper**/*TRUMPET*

The Wartburg College Sparkles are a part of "The Sparkle Effect," a non-profit organization that brings students with and without disabilities together to create cheerleading and dance teams. The organization was started last year on Wartburg's campus. The group has performed during football, basketball and during the NCAA National Track and Field Tournament last year.—**Meg Harper**/*TRUMPET*



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Preparing for the worst isn't all bad

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When people say to prepare for the worst, it is almost always taken in a negative connotation.

I disagree that it should always be taken negatively, it can actually be really positive.

One of the best examples is with having a loved one in the hospital or battling an injury or illness.

Preparing for the worst can actually be helpful because if you are prepared for the worst, anything less than that can come as a bit of good news.

You also have to remember that as hard as the news may be on you, it is even harder on them.

By allowing yourself to prepare for the worst, it can help soften the blow that the news can have on you.

The one thing you have to remember is you aren't the only one being affected by the news, whatever it may be.

Support is sometimes the best thing you can ever do for a person, especially ones that might be going through a tough time.

There are points in all of our lives where we just need someone to be there for us and just being there for someone can keep a bad situation from getting worse.

In life we are presented with so many opportunities to better the world and the lives of others.

In cases like these, sometimes we really fall short of making true change.

I am willing to admit I have been guilty of not doing enough in my life.

I have also realized, however, that by preparing for the worst in my own life, it gives me the ability to devote more time to helping other people in my life.

My entire life I have always been surrounded by people who have always put me first in so many occasions.

It is my belief that the best way for me to repay that type of love is to spread it to other people in my life.

Preparing for the worst may not just be good and helpful for you, but can also change the lives of those you love as well.

When you are less concerned with how things may affect your own life, you become more in tune with the world around you.

There are so many times in life that things don't go and we look to others for strength and support.

We receive bad news over something in our lives, whether it is about not getting a job we want, bad news about pets or family, losing a friend, or about our own personal medical situations.

Preparing for the worst may be looked as a pessimistic view on life, but it can actually help you find a better way to deal with bad news.

Knights of Wartburg

Evan Meester

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Superhero Power:
Regeneration from wounds.

Bungee Jump or Skydive:
How about no.

Favorite Sandwich:
Turkey.

Dream Location:
Anywhere with mountains.

Hidden Talent:
I like to read philosophy.

Siblings:
Two older brothers.

Favorite Meal:
Pizza.

Currently Watching:
"Luke Cage."

Favorite Movie:
"The Lord of the Rings."

Favorite Animal:
Penguin.

Shoe Size:
10.

Favorite Class:
Christian Ethics.

Burg Blurbs

Just shouted the wrong answer in class! #fml

I wonder if my bed thinks about me all day too.

Someone is listening to early '00 music in my building and I can hear it with my window cracked. I'm not even mad about it. #CollegeLife

My wallets at the bottom of the Cedar River so if anybody wants to go for a swim later let me know.

Dear professor, I won't be making it to class on Thursday. #GoCubs

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Being passionate

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One thing I've learned in my nearly 22 years is that life is dull unless you're passionate about things.

This week, I've seen many people having a range of emotions due to their passions.

If you look at nearly the entire state of Illinois right now, you will see euphoria due to the shared passion of our beloved Cubs finally winning the World Series.

I know that my family were all texting each other, crying from both worry and then happiness because of our passion for sports and the Cubs.

Many other people I know from back home and here had many similar reactions.

Many of my other passions include my work with KnightVision and The Trumpet as well as chemistry and sports.

Passions make our lives better.

They are something we care about.

Try to imagine a world where nobody has a passion or a care for anything.

We would all simply be floating through life doing what we're supposed to do.

Decisions would be hard.

Deciding what to major in would be impossible because you have no passions.

Imagine your kids or future kids' teachers not having a passion for education; your news anchor not having a passion for the truth; your doctor not having a passion for helping people.

This is not a world I want to live in.

I found myself watching the Cubs' games these past few weeks with people that don't share my passion or not as strongly.

I kept apologizing to them for my emotions and screaming and general passion for sports and the team.

They kept telling me that it was OK and they understood.

I now realize that it is OK to yell at the TV and the players.

It's OK to get emotionally attached to the game.

Passions are what make us, well us. Without passions, we'd all be grey carbon copies of each other with the same general interests.

The moral of the story is to embrace your passions.

Find others with similar passions and embrace each other and enjoy those passions together.

Watch Anime together or play the video game.

Jam out with music and start a band.

There are so many options for embracing our passions and you shouldn't be afraid to do so.

Kaitlyn Williams is passionate about many thngs including writing and editing for The Trumpet. Williams and editor-in-chief Ellyn Felton tabled for new members earlier this year. —**Submitted photo**

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Sneak peek: Christmas with Wartburg

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Christmas with Wartburg (CWW) is a time when all music ensembles come together to perform several musical pieces about the Christmas story.

Dr. Lee Nelson, professor and executive director of Christmas with Wartburg, said he hopes to make CWW a gift for the community with a message of hope and goodwill for everyone.

The theme for CWW is "O Night Divine" which was inspired by the seven 'O Antiphons'.

"It takes darkness and makes it something bright and holy and divine. Advent is known as the season of darkness that transitions into the season of light," Nelson said.

Jacob Tews, Director of Chamber Orchestra, wrote an eight-minute piece called 'Introitus' which is Latin for entry or entrance for the beginning of CWW.

"It is a term that is used in Catholic mass in the beginning of the communion part of the service but I liked the connection. We are trying to highlight the fact, that Christmas is not just a feel good, wonderful holiday of a baby being born and he is the Savior of the world, but this baby is the same baby 30 years later has to die on the cross," Tews said.

"I liked that connection to the last supper and some of the texts that are part of my piece connect Christmas to Good Friday and Easter." Tews said.

Tews said it will be the first year the whole chamber orchestra will be performing together as a group and not as soloists.

"Dr. Nelson sort of had a vague concept of what the beginning of the show would look like, and he brought it to my attention because it had some of the orchestral stuff and specifically included a solo viola part, which is what I do. He said here's this piece for choir and solo viola piece can we incorporate this somehow in the beginning of Christmas with Wartburg I said sure and I would write something because I am composer," Tews said.

Tews said it was not a sudden sense of inspiration to write the opening piece, but to fit Dr. Nelson's vision.

"Dr. Nelson wanted something that would start CWW with some drama and I think it is going to be different than what everyone is expecting and that is always exciting for me," Tews said.

Dr. Craig Hancock, director of bands, said those who see the show get to see the start of the Christmas season.

Christmas with Wartburg is a time when all music ensembles come together to perform various musical pieces while retelling the Christmas and Advent story. —**Marketing & Communication**

"Well I have always believed that Christmas is my favorite time of the year because I love giving things to people. I am not much of a gift-getter, but I love giving gifts, and I remember very fondly sitting in my first rehearsal when all the groups were together and realizing it was so much bigger than I thought it was every going to be and this is the perfect way to start the season for me," Hancock said.

Choir member Amber Singleton, Wartburg choir member, said she enjoys seeing the process of the show coming together.

"It starts off with pieces of paper that you really don't know the music to, then all of a sudden it turns into this big beautiful show," Singleton said.

Singleton said the most challenging experience of CWW is memorization.

"We have already started rehearsals after Fall Break and over Thanksgiving break I take home all my music and make sure it is memorized and listen to the music in my room and figure out what I need to work on," Singleton said.

Cody Birely, Wind Ensemble percussionist, said the hardest part is the small amount of rehearsal time and seeing the results of the show.

"In general, watching the show get put together, the CWW magic if you want to call it, just watching how it affects the audience at the end of the show it really just gets the true spirit of Christmas going for me and reminds me as to why CWW exists because we celebrate the birth of Jesus," Birley said.

Nicole Johnson, said she gets the opportunity to work with Neumann crew for the show.

"It's just a lot of hours, random and fun conversations with coworkers, lots of late and sleepless nights. It's an opportunity to get to know the other people on crew a little better and watch the show come together," Johnson said.

Students had the opportunity to go on a service trip during fall break to volunteer providing meals people and working with poverty in East St. Louis and the Twin Cities in Minneapolis. —**Submitted photo**

Students make a difference

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There were two service trips that occurred over Fall Break. Students went to East St. Louis and the Twin Cities in Minnesota.

The trip to East St. Louis volunteered for organizations in the city that worked with poverty and the trip to the Twin Cities volunteered for organizations that provide meals for people.

Wartburg gives students an opportunity to go on service trips during fall break, winter break and tour week.

Students can lead service trips across the U.S. where service is needed.

"I've always had the desire to help others, and when the opportunity came, I decided to give it a try," Emily Folken, participant, said.

Emily went on the trip to East St. Louis. where they went to three sites: a Catholic daycare, Opal's House Homeless Shelter and Holy Angels shelter.

"The leaders of each trip get to choose where they want to go for their service trip and what they want to do for service in each of those locations," Anna Askegaard, director of service trips, said.

Any student that signs up can go on a service trip. Students are also encouraged to be student leaders if they want to go somewhere to make a difference.

"The purpose of the service trips is to provide alternative break opportunities for Wartburg Students in the form of service," Askegaard said.

Service trip allows an individual to see the impact of community engagement and service.

"We saw how different people's lives are in low income neighborhoods and assisted them into realizing just how fortunate he or she has it," Folken said. "I realized I needed to be appreciative of everything I have. It was a humbling experience."

Askegaard said, students who want to get involved can sign up for winter and tour break service trips.

Students interested in being a service trip leader or participating in a service trip can contact servicetrips@wartburg.edu.

Business majors prepare for real life interviews for jobs

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Every year, students who are enrolled in the senior seminar or business communication courses are required to participate in mock interviews.

This opportunity is set up through Pathways and Derek Solheim, who reaches out to local employers asking for interviewers to participate in this process.

"The purpose is to give the students a chance to have a real life interview experience," Susan Meyeraan, chair of the Department of Business Administration at Wartburg, said.

Students are required to dress in formal attire, create résumés, research their companies and are asked questions as if they were applying for a real job.

Meyeraan said the mock interviews are extremely beneficial to both sides.

"For the businesses, this is a prime opportunity to find possible interns and expand their network. For the students, this is a great learning experience and can even land them an internship in their line of study," Meyeraan said.

Sophia Corpstein, business administration major, said it depends on your age, major and personality that align with the company.

The difference between a mock interview and a real one is that the students receive feedback from their interviewer.

"Solheim and Pathways create a critique form for the interviewers to complete in regards to the students' résumés, responses and how to effectively answer questions, and even appearance," Meyeraan said.

Corpstein said feedback is very valuable to students for their future endeavors, and is provided in a less stressful environment.

"It helps ease your nerves about interviews and may make your real interview easier for you to go through!" Corpstein said.

Whether the students land internships with their assigned companies or not, Meyeraan takes one extra step to assure that her students will be noticed in the business community.

"My students are required to write thank-you notes," Meyeraan said.

Meyeraan added that, while mock interviews provide a realistic learning experience for students, there is one disadvantage to this process.

"Students are not able to choose which company they interact with and can often be placed with a company that does not directly correlate with their studies," Meyeraan said.

Meyeraan said the opportunity is not only open to business students

"I am confident that any student can set up a similar opportunity with Pathways," Meyerann said.

Life on campus for spouses

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For Wartburg employees Ashley McHose and Whitney Baker, living where they work can be a blessing, but things might be even better for their spouses.

In the case of Will LeFevre and Brandon Baker, both of whom are taking classes at Wartburg this year, moving to campus has been an adjustment, but Brandon Baker said he has liked it so far.

"I've always enjoyed dorm life, so I like being back in the dorms around all the students," Brandon Baker said.

Whitney Baker, area coordinator for Grossmann, Lohe, and The Res, said it can be awkward sometimes living so close to students.

Cassie Hales, director of residential life, lived on campus as a staff member, with her wife and son.

"You worry about your neighbors being noisy when he's sleeping, but you also worry about him crying and disturbing your neighbors,"Hales said.

LeFevre and McHose, who works at Vogel Library, have now settled into their apartment in Clinton after having spent some time in Founders Hall, and have also gotten to host weekly hall nights and inviting students from different floors from the building over for a fun night.

"One night we had Clinton one South eat dessert and watch Disney movies. I think we got a lot of good feedback," McHose said.

Whitney and Brandon Baker both agree that their experience so far has been immensely positive.

Brandon said that the opportunity living in Grossmann has been excellent because of its proximity to classes.

"I literally have to walk fifty steps and I'm at the classroom," Brandon said.

"I can wake up last minute, I don't have to commute to campus and I don't have to find a parking spot."

Whitney Baker said she enjoys living about ten steps from her office, being surrounded by the students and feeling the college atmosphere are added bonuses.

"You're really plugged in to what's going on and you really live it when you are here," Whitney Baker said.

Both agreed that the biggest transition has been leaving their house in Cedar Falls for a two bedroom apartment in the dorms. Brandon has added a thirty minute commute to work, but he said the transition has been worth it.

"It's definitely a big change, but I love the buzz and energy of being on campus. It's something you miss when you graduate," Brandon said.

Whitney and Brandon Baker live in Grossman where they are surrounded by the student body. Both said they enjoy not having to go so far to get to work and classes everyday.—**Tyler French**/*TRUMPET*

Intramurals starts winter season

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Wartburg Intramurals, on campus, will be starting the winter section of their sports, with indoor volleyball and five on five basketball.

Alyssa Edwards, one of the individuals who has kept stats, said the program is trying to start over and get more organized.

"Flag football was a really big success. We're starting to do more tabling to get more people involved and for freshman to know what intramural sports are," Edwards said.

Mark Schulz has competed in various intramural sports for the past two years and said that he has never had a problem with the way things were ran.

"Whenever I would show up to an event, everything was already ready for us. The officials and stat keepers kept the game running fast, and you couldn't even notice a sense of disorganization," Schulz said.

Schulz said he is looking forward to this upcoming season of intramural sports, and hasn't had any problems with registering his team or with the IMLeagues website in general.

Students can use the IMLeagues website to register their teams, and can also use the website to check the teams schedule, their teams record along with other teams records.

Will McDonald intramural sports manager, said there were over 200 people signed up for the fall season of intramural sports.

McDonald also said there are going to be some changes with people being schedules and trained properly.

McDonald hopes that these changes will result a higher satisfaction for the participants.

"The goal is to get as many people as we can signed up, and to make sure everything runs as smoothly as it should." McDonald said.

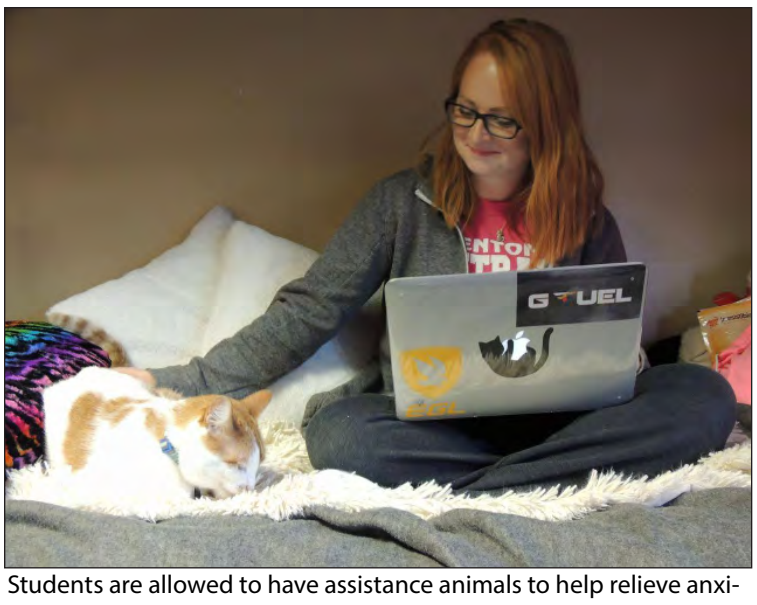
Brett Ladoux, a player and referee for intramurals, said he hasn't had to deal with any physical fights, but has dealt with students talking back after a controversial call.

"People can get pretty intense with close games, so you hear some foul language. As a ref, you just have to be confident in the calls that you make."

Ladoux participates in soccer and track for Wartburg, and said that playing intramural sports allow him to gain a different perspective about athletics in college, where he doesn't have to take them so serious.

"The best thing about intramural sports is being able to continue playing sports that you love to play, with enough competition where it's still competitive, but also where it's lighthearted enough for everyone to have a lot of fun," Ladoux said.

Wartburg's Intramurals will start their winter season of sports with indoor volleyball and five on five basketball. —**Submitted photos**



Students are allowed to have assistance animals to help relieve anxiety and provide comfort. —**Megan Stephenson**/*TRUMPET*

Benefits of assistance animals

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The presence of assistance animals on Wartburg's campus is expanding, with this year bringing in some of the highest numbers of these animals for the college.

Cassie Hales, Director of Residential Life, said that the college currently has nine approved assistance animals on campus.

Hales said that if a student has a medical need for an assistance or service animal they must provide appropriate documentation supporting their need for one. Hales also looks into vaccination records to ensure the animal is up to date.

"Having my cat, Calypso, in my dorm gives me a comforting presence and a distraction when I'm feeling overwhelmed."
—Julia Langlois

"Any student who brings an assistance or service animal to campus must register it with our office and disability services," Hales said.

Students who register a service animal must also follow the guidelines given to them in order to ensure Wartburg remains a clean and safe campus.

Jenna Moberly, a first-year student, lives with her cat Sawyer. She said some of her rules include properly disposing litter and keeping him in her room at all times.

"I also had to get liability insurance in case my cat causes harm to any other student," Moberly said, "Wartburg said I am fully liable for my cat and any damages he may cause."

Moberly said that Wartburg made it a simple process overall.

Although this process adds an additional layer of work for housing arrangements, Hales said she is glad to work with disability services in order to provide reasonable accommodations for students.

Julia Langlois, third-year student, said she likes that the college is open and accepting to support animals.

"I view them as extremely beneficial to individuals, myself included," Langlois said. "Having my cat, Calypso, in my dorm gives me a comforting presence and a distraction when I'm feeling overwhelmed."

Moberly said that having an assistance animal helps relieve anxiety and cheers her up when she is feeling upset, and that over the course of their eight years together he has learned when to comfort her.

"When moving away from home to go to college there was no question to if I'd bring him with me," Moberly said, "I knew I wouldn't go anywhere without him."

Hales said that she thinks the number of service and assistance animals will most likely increase on campus as more medical practitioners are supporting this type of treatment.

"If our campus is a supportive and welcoming place we are more likely to attract prospective students who will feel welcome here with their assistance animals," Hales said.

Moberly said she loves having assistance animals on campus because it brings more awareness to the fact that mental health is a serious thing and how therapeutic and healing animals can be.

Langlois said that her cat has helped her take better care of herself and extend herself socially.

"She is truly amazing," Langlois said, "I've had nothing but good experiences with her since her arrival."

Any student who wishes to learn more about having a service or assistance animal on campus should contact Cassie Hales or disability services.

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Knights lose rivalry game against Norse

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The Wartburg Knights football team suffered a heartbreaking loss in overtime Saturday afternoon at the hands of arch-rival Luther Norse, 28-27.

The loss was the first at home against Luther since 1986, and drops Wartburg to 5-4 (4-3).

It looked like the Knights would be on their way to an easy victory when quarterback Matt Sacia found Riley Brockway on a 53-yard pass on the first play from scrimmage.

The Luther offense, however, was all about fullback Christian Moore. Moore finished the game with 178 yards on 38 carries and also accounted for two Norse touchdowns.

Head coach Rick Willis said he doesn't believe a tired defense was responsible for the offensive output for Moore.

"It was just them driving the ball, I actually think our defense was actually getting better grasp on it through the fourth quarter.

After a Connor Schrader touchdown put Wartburg up by seven in overtime, Luther responded two plays later with a run from Moore for a touchdown.

Luther then went for the win on a two-point conversion and Cooper Nelson scampered into the endzone to seal the victory for the Norse.

Sacia led the way offensively for the Knights, finishing with 275 total yards and a passing touchdown to Brockway, while Schrader and Haberman combined for three rushing touchdowns.

"With the way their offense goes, you're only going to get a limited number of opportunities,"
—Matt Sacia

After the game Sacia said the offense was strong, but made a couple mistakes.

"With the way their offense goes, you're only going to get a limited number of opportunities," Sacia said.

"We squandered a few of the ones we needed, but we had a really good game plan coming in."

One of the biggest squandered opportunities came near the end of the first half after Luther scored their first touchdown.

Sacia was sacked on a blindside hit and was stripped of the football.

Luther recovered the football and Luther scored another quick touchdown to take a 13-7 lead going into the half.

The Knights got big plays on the defensive side from linebacker Brendan Schott, who finished with 17 tackles, and defensive back Peyton Imhof, who intercepted a pass and blocked a punt.

While Wartburg may have not played their best game defensively, they did not play poorly by any means.

Quarterback Matt Sacia hands the ball off to running back Connor Schrader, who then carried the ball for the Knight's final toughdown of the game Saturday. —**Meg Harper**/*TRUMPET*

Wartburg's next game will come next week at Walston-Hoover Stadium when the Buena Vista Beavers, 3-6 (3-4), come to town.

This game will also be the celebration of Senior Day for the Knights and they will honor all of the seniors on their roster for their commitment to the program.

Willis said the team will have to make a few adjustments during practice in order to have a different outcome than this week.

"Have a good attitude, work hard, continue to get better, and show up ready to go," Willis said.

IAHSAA sees decrease in officials

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The number of high school sports officials is down this year compared to years past.

Students here at Wartburg could have a bigger impact on this problem than they think.

The process to receive an official's certificate is not extremely difficult.

The first step in receiving this certificate is simply turning some basic background information into the state.

Then it is required that any person interested in officiating must pass a 50 question test.

"I mainly officiate middle school and junior varsity sports at Applington Parkersburg school," student Corbin Brungard said.

Brungard was asked by his former high school principal if he wanted to officiate the football games.

Brungard took the offer and his officiating career has since then grown immensely from there.

Low numbers will force some officials to officiate in multiple sports but this seems to be no problem for Brungard.

"I enjoyed officiating and it has blossomed into not only officiating football but basketball and baseball too," Brungard said.

Some sports management students at Wartburg might run into the same trouble in the future.

Sports Management major Brandon Prine said he would be more concerned with quality than quantity in officials.

"It is important to have a large amount of officials but it would also be important to have people out there who know what they are doing when officiating a game," Prine said.

"Good quality refs are more commonly found in higher level sports, such as college and professional leagues,"
— Corbin Brungard

Prine brought up the point that having well-trained officials is important no matter what sport they choose to officiate.

Having it be a fairly simple process for interested people to get their officiating certificate could be good for the conference in regard to the amount of applicants.

However, it could also cause a problem with the quality of officials out making an impact on games as a result of the easy selection process.

One major aspect that could help improve the quality of officials would be to have them get more experience in games and around the particular sports that they may be officiating before sending them out to do the job for real.

"It's tougher to find better quality referees in the lower levels of sports because there are many officials from different cities and towns," Prine said.

"Good quality refs are more commonly found in higher level sports such as college and professional leagues."

For some like Brungard it would be enjoyable for them and sometimes it even works well with a student's busy schedule.

"I take morning classes so that it can free up time in the afternoon for me to go officiate a game," Brungard said.

Brungard said more college students at Wartburg should consider participating in officiating, especially those interested in sports management or continuing their athletic careers after college.

"It could turn into a fun and decent job for some," Brungard said.

How to become an Iowa high school athletic official

Qualifications

- *Must be a high school student or older.*
- *A thorough understanding of the sport you wish to officiate.*
- *The ability to interpret and apply rules.*

How to Register

- *From the **iahsaa.org** website, click on **OFFICIALS**. Once that page opens, click on, **Online Registration Form for New and Re-Registered Officials**.*

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—**Brett Schwickerath**/*TRUMPET*

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Volleyball to national tournament

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The Wartburg volleyball team won both of their Iowa Conference Tournament matches, securing their second straight conference championship and an appearance in the NCAA tournament.

On Saturday, the Knights took down Coe three sets to one to win the conference championship. The Kohawks kept it close for the first three sets, but set four was all Wartburg.

The Knights minimized their errors as much as they possibly could in set four, with zero attack errors and no errors behind the service line. They were up two sets to one going into the fourth set, and they won it in dominant fashion, beating Coe 25 to 12 to win the tournament.

The Knights took down Central on Friday , Nov. 4 by a score of three sets to one.

Abby Staebell led the way for the team. Her eight kills were good for second on the team, but her consistency was what got the job done. A massive 58 percent of her attempted attacks landed for kills, and she also assisted on two blocks.

Despite the victory, the Knights committed several errors on both sides of the ball, most of which came in the third set. They committed four attack errors in set number three alone, and the overall defensive play was lacking.

Volleyball won the IIAC tournament this past weekend for an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament. They will begin play at regionals on Friday. —**Submitted photo**

"They beat us in the serve-and-pass. We all of a sudden weren't serve-receiving very well," Coach Jennifer Walker said following Friday's victory. "We were just creating errors that we hadn't done in the first two sets, nor did we do in the fourth set. If you reduce your errors, you're going to be successful."

Josie Esser was a big factor in both games, mainly on the defensive side, with four blocks against Central and three against Coe. She said that she was happy with the way things turned out.

"I'm happy to play Coe again," Esser said after Coe's victory over Luther. "We had a good match against them last time. I'm very confident that my team will come out strong tomorrow."

With the victory against Coe, the Knights receive an automatic bid in the NCAA volleyball tournament. Their tournament location and opponent was be announced on Monday morning.

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Volleyball succeeds

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The Wartburg volleyball team ended the regular season 2 weeks ago to continue to win the IIAC conference championship.

The conference tournament was done a bit differently this year.

In the past, the tournament stretched over a week, with the lower seeds traveling to the higher ones' home courts. This year, however, it was held over a span of two days at a neutral site, the U.S. Cellular Center in Cedar Rapids.

Because of these changes, the Knights didn't know who they would play in the first round until about an hour before their match started.

Despite that, though, co-Head Coach Jennifer Walker said it didn't affect the team's preparation.

"We're basically focusing on ourselves. What can we do to be more efficient, what can we do to be better at each of our positions," Walker said. "That's all we really can do. And when we play like that, we're successful. We've seen these teams before."

The Knights beat Central 3-1 on Friday night, which they swept in the regular season.

The sweep victory against Central in regular season on Oct. 21 was the third of a six-game win streak to close the season and clinch the conference.

Because of this streak and the momentum that comes with it, many considered Wartburg to be the favorite to win the conference.

Aryn Jones said this wasn't a factor.

"I don't think it adds any pressure, because our team doesn't look at it that way," Jones said.

Before the tournament, Jones said, "We aren't approaching this weekend with the mindset that we are picked to win because it doesn't help us this weekend. We need to get through each day to prove we were rightfully picked the favorite."

Being a junior, Jones will get one more shot after this postseason. But for some, like Josie Esser, this is the last rodeo.

Esser never received a lot of playing time before this season. But after two of last year's key middle hitters graduated, it was up to her to step up and fill their shoes.

Walker said that she's done so with flying colors.

"She's made some huge plays for us in some key moments," Walker said. "She's really taking advantage of the year she's getting to play, and making herself so important, we're starting to think 'how are we going to replace her next year?'"

Statistically, Esser has been one of the team's strongest front line players. At the end of the regular season, she was fourth on the team in kills with 122 and second in total blocks with 49.

Morgan Neuendorf celebrates a win against Nebraska Wesleyan two weeks ago. The win against Nebraska Wesleyan helped the Knights get to the IIAC tournament. —**Marketing & Communication**

Soccer season over

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The women's soccer team's season ended this past weekend with a 0-1 loss to Luther.

Luther scored early in the first half to make the score 1-0 and Wartburg had no answer.

The results gave Luther the automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

To get to the championship game on Saturday, the team first had to face Loras on Tuesday in the semi-finals round.

The game went into overtime when it was tied 1-1. Wartburg won the game in penalty kicks, 2-0.

Alyssa Drewlow got the lone score in regular time for the Knights to make the score 1-0.

Loras answered with a goal of their own and the game was tied through the rest of regular time.

Nicole Adair and Morgan Neuendorf scored for the Orange and Black in the shootout.

The Knights will find out today if the received an at-large bid to the tournament.

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE
Friday - Nov. 11
WVB at NCAA Regionals, TBA
Saturday - Nov. 12
WVB at NCAA Regionals, TBA
WXC at NCAA Regionals, 11 a.m.
MXC at NCAA Regionals, 12 p.m.
FB vs. Buena Vista, 1 p.m.
WREST at Luther Open

IIAC FOOTBALL STANDINGS		
Coe	9-0	8-0
Dubuque	8-2	6-2
Central	7-2	5-2
Wartburg	5-4	4-3
Buena Vista	3-6	3-4
Luther	3-6	2-5
Neb. Wesleyan	3-6	2-5
Simpson	3-6	2-5
Loras	0-7	0-5

IIAC WRESTLING STANDINGS		
Dubuque	1-0	1-0
Buena Vista	0-0	0-0
Central	0-0	0-0
Coe	0-0	0-0
Loras	0-0	0-0
Wartburg	0-0	0-0
Simpson	0-1	0-0
Neb. Wesleyan	0-2	0-1

IOWA CONFERENCE HONORS

Wartburg's Kathryn Nasby was named the IIAC volleyball defensive player of the week. She received this honor by leading the team in both digs and service aces on their 2-0 week last week. She had a total of six service aces and 29 digs in those two matches. She also had two aces and eight digs in the upset win against No. 18 Northwestern-St. Paul. She also helped the Wartburg team clinch both the regular season IIAC title and win the IIAC tournament. This is Nasby's third honor.

Kathryn Nasby

Wartburg's Aryn Jones was named the IIAC volleyball offensive player of the week. She received this honor by earning 27 kills in two matches last week. She had 17 kills and a 0.333 percent hitting average in the upset win against No. 18 Northwestern-St. Paul. She also had 10 kills in the match against Dubuque that clinched the IIAC conference title. This is Jones' third honor.

Aryn Jones

Wartburg's Tony Anstoetter was named the IIAC football defensive player of the week. He received this honor by helping Wartburg to the 43-35 Victory over Dubuque. In that game, he was the leading in tackles with five; including a career-high five tackles for loss. He also had a 50- yard interception that he ran to the four-yard line.

Tony Anstoetter